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Sir:

In reply to the non-final Office Action dated March 29, 2007, setting a shortened statutory period for response of three months, please enter the subject response.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2; this is the same as the amendment to the specification in the Petition filed of even date, a copy of which accompanies this Amendment.

The status of all claims and amendments thereto begin on page 3. Remarks begin on page 7.